

**MICHIGAN PROMISE ZONE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 550 of 2008**

**390.1643 Definitions.**

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

(a) "Eligible entity" means a city, township, county, local school district, or intermediate school district, in which the percentage of families with children under age 18 that are living at or below the federal poverty level is greater than or equal to the state average of families with children under age 18 living at or below the federal poverty level, as determined by the department of treasury.

(b) "Federal poverty level" means the poverty guidelines published annually in the federal register by the United States department of health and human services under its authority to revise the poverty line under section 673(2) of subtitle B of title VI of the omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 42 USC 9902.

(c) "Governing body" means the elected body of an eligible entity having legislative powers.

(d) "Nonpublic high school" means a high school operated by a nonpublic school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma. Nonpublic high school also includes a general education development test.

(e) "Nonpublic school" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

(f) "Promise of financial assistance" means a commitment by an eligible entity to provide financial resources for public or private postsecondary education to eligible students living in a promise zone and who have graduated from a public high school or nonpublic high school located within that promise zone.

(g) "Promise zone" means that area created by a governing body under this act.

(h) "Public high school" means a public school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma.

(i) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

(j) "School district" means that term as defined in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(k) "State education tax" means the tax levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906.

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